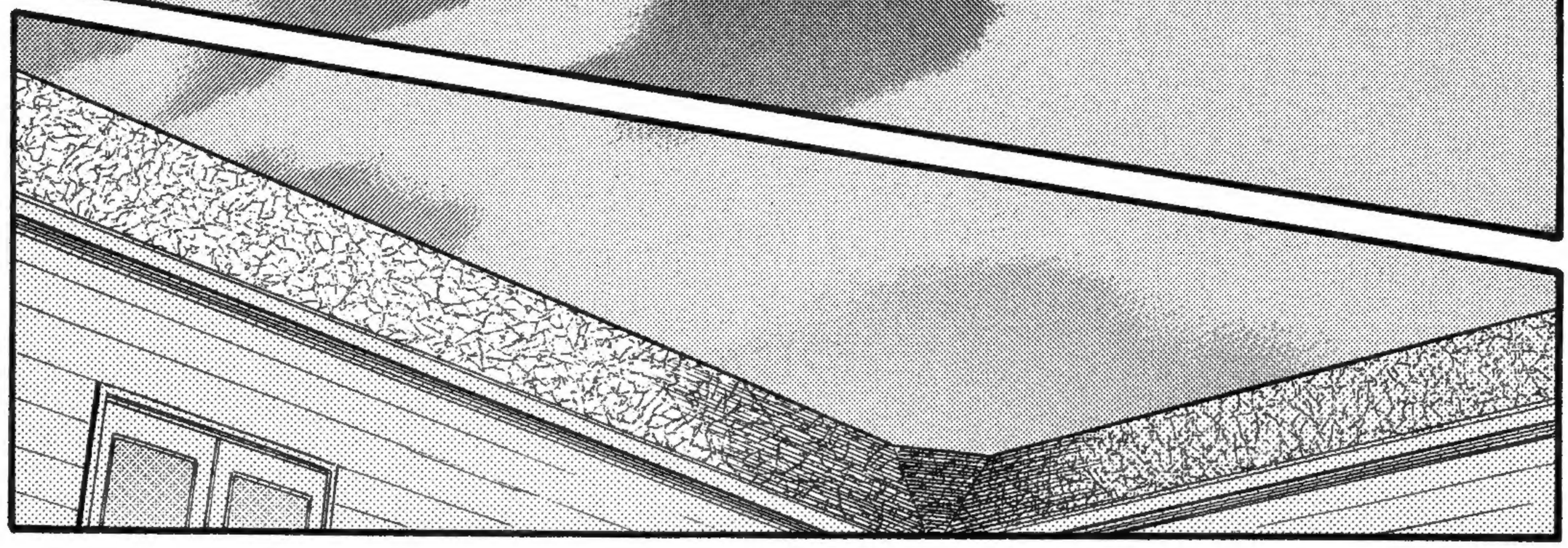

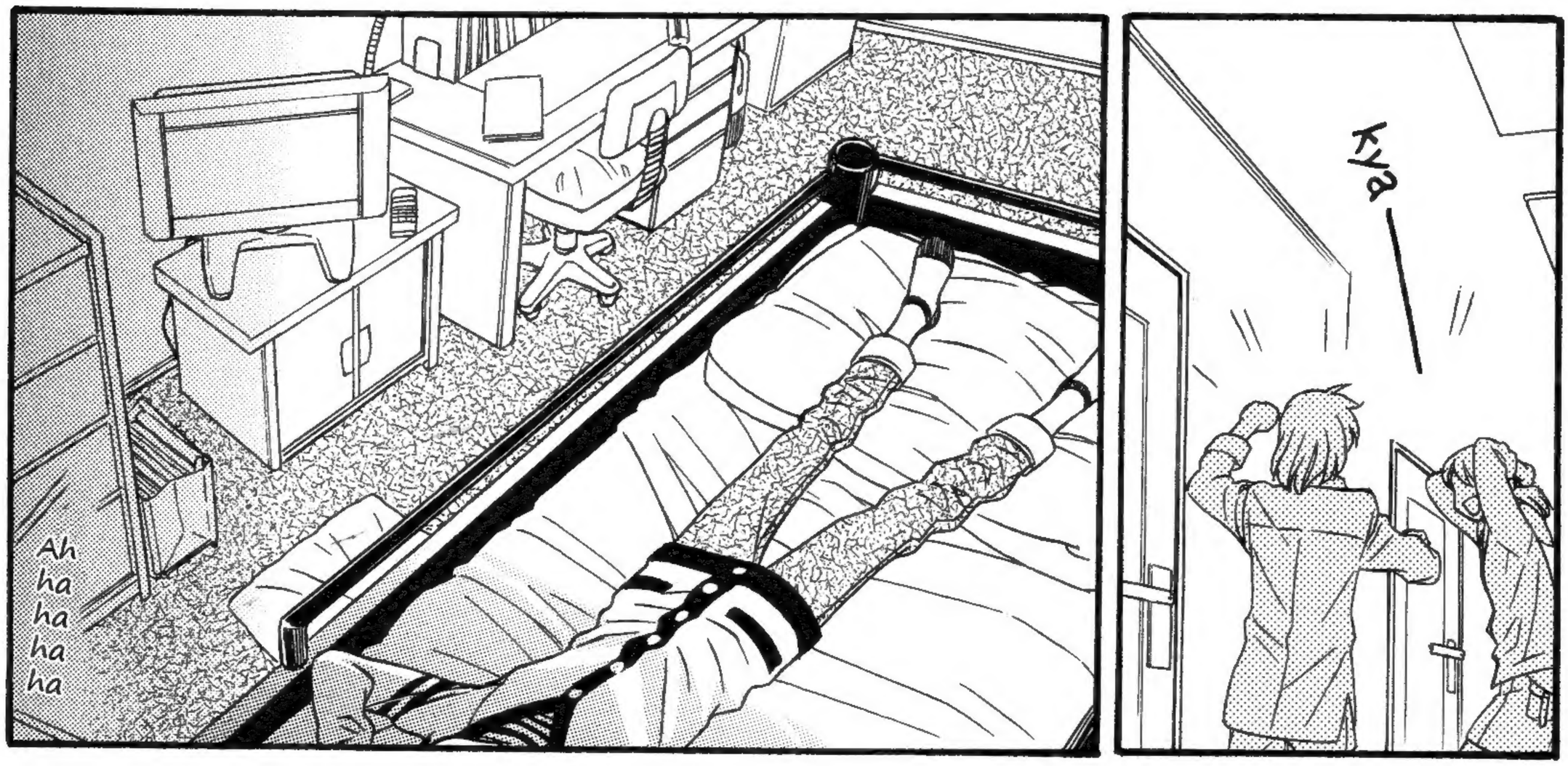

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Interview with the Idiot

WE EVEN EAT THE SAME FOOD.

STRENGTH TRAINING, JOGGING...

PRACTICE SWINGS, SPARRING,

Though I should still have the upper hand when it comes to eating.

JUST WHAT IS SO DIFFE-RENT BETWEEN US?

KURO-GANE

AND ME...

.....

SHE JUST KEEPS GETTIN' BETTER AND BETTER, AND I DON'T.

Why is it...

THE THINGS WE DO ARE ALL EXACTLY THE SAME, YET...

SURE, COME RIGHT IN.

OH,

It's Inuga-mi...

KNOCK KNOCK

?

WHAT'S UP? STARING AT ME LIKE THAT.

.....

Momoka-san, it's time for dinner...

Pardon my intrusion.

CLACK

Shall we walk down together?

AHH...

YEAH... I GUESS SO, HUH.

It's merely that you've seemed somewhat lost in thought, since earlier today...

No...

SIGH

HOLD ON A BIT, I'LL BE RIGHT OUT.

OHH YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.

THE MORE I THINK, THE FOGGIER IT ALL GETS... FEELS KINDS ICKY.

GUESS THAT KINDA THING SHOWS UP ON MY FACE.

JUST BEEN TURNING OVER A FEW THINGS IN MY MIND.

BASICALLY "IDIOTS SHOULDN'T TRY TO THINK" WITH A FEW LAYERS OF SUGAR-COATING...?

Suddenly trying to work an organ when it hasn't been used in a while isn't very good for your health...

It's possible you could develop a fever...

Um...

I do think you're the type to think with her blood, rather than her head...

Mo-moka-san...

You're very kind.

.....

...MM, BUT...

THE DINING HALL, HUH?

You're a uniquely talented person who can sit around the dining table with like-minded friends and purge all the troubles from your mind with food!

You're not an idiot, Momoka-san!

Not at all!

OF COURSE, THAT'S RIGHT... YOU'RE NOT THE TYPE TO EVER SPEAK BAD ABOUT ANYBODY, WANKO.

You're saying all this totally seriously, aren't you...

NOT BE A BAD PLACE TO START, ACTUALLY.

THAT MIGHT

NO, THAT'S NOT THE KIND OF "MENU" I MEANT.

WELL, It's super good.

I knew you were gonna say that.

JUST AS YOU SEE. NEAPO-LITAN SPAGHETTI.

NO, IT'S JUST FOR PERSONAL REFERENCE.

WHY? YOU'RE CONDUC-TING A SURVEY?

AHH, YOU MEAN LIKE A TRAINING MENU?

MY MENU?

HM?

chatter

chatter

chatter

No easy task, I'll tell you.

MAKE A COMPLETE CIRCLE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD WITHOUT YOUR FEET EVER TOUCHING THE GROUND, JUST GOING TREE TO TREE OR ROOF TO ROOF.

WELL, BASICALLY, Y'KNOW, IT'S WHERE YOU HAVE TO...

YOU DON'T KNOW SARU-TOBI?

Of course she doesn't know.

MY APOLOGIES. IT WASN'T REMOTELY NORMAL.

AND A BIT OF WEIGHT-TRAINING THROWN IN SOMETIMES...

JUST NORMAL STUFF, I GUESS. PRACTICE SWINGS, STRIKE DRILLS... JUST RUNNING THROUGH THE FUNDAMENTALS.

HMM, WELL...

HUH...

IT REALLY IS PRETTY NORMAL.

SLIDE

YEAH, LIKE I SAID.

ME?

WELL...

PARTICULARLY THAT SENSE OF POUNCING ON A DEFENSELESS TARGET...

Though for some reason whenever I do it with Yuuho, I'm the only one who ends up all beaten-up...

But that's just part of the thrill!

I LIKE THE NAME.

Very nice...

WELL, BUT MY FAVORITE TYPE WOULD BE "CONTINUOUS ASSAULT PRACTICE."

HOW ABOUT YOU, SHIZUMA-SAN?

Ah, that was enough, Kuga-san.

"SARU-TOBI"?

OH, AND THEN "SARU-TOBI"...

THESE DAYS I'M JUST TRYING TO TRAIN TO GET MY PHYSICAL STRENGTH BACK, I GUESS.

THAT'S ABOUT ALL.

I DOUBT I'LL BE MUCH HELP AS REFERENCE...

I USED TO ALWAYS MAKE SURE TO GET IN SOME PRACTICE SWINGS AND WORK ON MY BODY MOVEMENTS, BUT...

SORRY FOR GETTING IN THE WAY!

Pardon us...

THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME ALONE WITH YOUR SHINYUU IN A WHILE, RIGHT?

OH NO,

I WONDER WHAT'S UP WITH MOMOCCHI?

OH MY...

SHE'S ACTING KIND OF REST-LESS...

OOH...

IS THAT YOUR OFFICIAL DIAGNOSIS, PRINCESS?

ANXIETY...

PER-HAPS.

Well,

Mm, mm.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

I SEE, I SEE...

SLIDE

You barely even started...

OH?

YOU'RE DONE EATING, MOMO-CCHI?

-ALL THAT ASIDE, WHERE HAVE AYANA AND HAYATE-CHAN GONE OFF TO!!

AND ON THE VERY NIGHT OF YOUR TRIUMPHANT RETURN!

COME ON, YOU DON'T NEED TO MAKE SUCH A BIG FUSS ABOUT IT.

LIKE WE'RE THE ONLY ONES GETTING LEFT BEHIND.

WE FEEL LIKE THAT SOMETIMES, WHEN WE'RE SCARED.

WELL, NOT LIKE I CAN'T UNDER-STAND AT ALL.

MM...

YOU'LL START ASKING PEOPLE AROUND YOU, "HOW MUCH DID YOU STUDY?", AND SO ON, RIGHT?

JUST LIKE BEFORE A TEST...

IT SEEMS LIKE THAT KIND OF THING.

Who should I ask next?

Right then...

...Momoka-san... Momoka-san...

What exactly is this all about...?

JUST BEING BACK HERE GETS ME FEELING ALL HAPPY AND EXCITED.

I REALLY DO LOVE THE ATMOSPHERE IN THIS PLACE.

I JUST CAME HOME, THAT'S ALL.

NOW IT'S EXACTLY THE SAME AS IT EVER WAS.

I don't think she even realized we were sitting together with them...

It's fine... even if she did, the stuff we do is totally normal.

She didn't ask us anything...

NEMOTO

MASUDA

MENU?

AHH...

Let's see...

MAINLY JUST RUNNING THROUGH THE BASICS WITH A PRACTICE SWORD.

AND SOME CORE-STRENGTHENING EXERCISE, JOGGING AND SO FORTH.

BASICAL-LY, ALL DESIGNED AROUND GETTING MY TERRIBLE STAMINA UP.

HOHHH... LIGHT BROWN ALL AROUND, I SEE...

TODAY I'M HAVING CHIKUZENNI WITH KINPIRA AND NATTO.

push

NO NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS ASKING ABOUT!

WHAT ABOUT IT?

Enough of that, really, please...

Momoka-san...

Wouldn't, you say it's time to settle down and focus on your meal...?

NOW I FEEL LIKE I UNDER-STAND IT EVEN LESS...

SO THEY ALL BASICALLY DO THE SAME STUFF AS US.

WHILE THE PARTICULAR METHODS YOU CHOOSE ARE IMPORTANT TOO, THE REAL KEYS ARE REPETITION AND PERSISTENCE.

A VETERAN TECHNIQUE CAN WIN OUT OVER ANY FORCE USED AGAINST IT.

It's only this person...

Right...

WHY IS IT... SUDDENLY I FEEL LIKE I'M TALKING TO A TEACHER...

Mizuchi-san, I think normally you'd say something like "experienced" technique, not "veteran"...

So you agree, Momoka-san?

THAT'S IT! I GOT IT, WANKO!

Oh...

OHH!

NOT *UP*, MOMOKA-SAN! FIRST PLEASE LOOK *DOWN* AT THE FOOD ON YOUR TRAY!!!

I JUST HAFTA ASK THE STRONGEST PERSON I CAN FIND!!

THE FOLKS IN THE TOP RANKS... THAT'S WHERE YOU LOOK TO LEARN HOW TO TRAIN!

I GOTTA LOOK *UP*!

Gotta be!

Fried Pork

Soy Sauce

Mackerel

THUD THUD

THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD

THAT'S NOT THE PLACE TO LOOK FOR A REFERENCE.

Our eyes met for a second...

clatter

clatter

Sh... shoot..

STARE

snap

crack

AH, THAT'S WRONG. RIGHT. OF COURSE.

NAH...

ANYTHING YOU CAN GET INTO YOUR MOUTH IS DELICIOUS TO *YOU*.

EVER SINCE THAT NEW LUNCH-LADY CAME, THE SIDE DISHES HAVE BEEN SUPER EXQUISITELY DELICIOUS!

I COULD STAND ANOTHER BIG BOWL OF *THAT*!!!

WAH HAH!!

CROWDED

HUH!?

WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH US!? WE'RE NOT IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL!!

Man, was it a drag... didn't have nearly enough people...

And what's with that huge flock of people behind you!?

YO—!

STUFFING YOUR FACES IN THE CAFETERIA SO SOON AFTER SHIRKING THE AUDITORIUM CLEAN-UP. HUH? NAIL-CHAN AND FRIEND.

'SSSUP?

AWWWRIGHT THEN! LET'S NOT WASTE ANY TIME SHOWING OUR APPRECIATION, AND GET THIS SCARFED DOWN!! WHADDYA SAY, UMPIRING SQUAD??

YAY

At present: THE STUDENT COUNCIL HELPER SQUAD

BOING-CHAN SENT ONE MAD-AWESOME CHOPPER IN FOR US!! SHE GAVE US THE WHOLE RICE POT!!

WITH 30 SERVINGS OF GYOZA!!!

Just go ahead and take the whole thing, you thief!!

Nothing for it!

BANGING, NANCY!!

Boing

steam

10-Serving Rice Cooker

WHY ARE YOU JUST THROWING ME ON THE GYOZA TEAM!!?

SINCE YOU DON'T REALLY GET MUCH EXERCISE.

BUT YOU'D BETTER BE CAREFUL NOT TO EAT TOO MUCH, KUREA.

Just replenishing my body's sugar supply!

Nothing wrong with this!

Since when have you even been here!!

WOULDN'T THINK WE WERE DEALING WITH GIRLS' STOMACHS HERE...

THEY'RE GONNA EAT THIRTY SERVINGS OF GYOZA WITH TEN PEOPLE...?

Parfaaait

.....

WELL, TO BE SURE, YOURS CERTAINLY ISN'T LACKING IN GIRLISH-NESS, AKIRA.

LARGE-PORTION MEAL + DESSERT

Go eat at some other table, all of you!

Shadd-up! Eat quietly!

Uhh-woohh!! Satisfy!!

.....

YOU BET I SAW IT! THE TRUE ROUTE TO STRENGTH AND POWER!

trot trot

Ohh...

You've seen something, Momoka-san?

...I GOT IT.

Basically...

STRENGTH ISN'T DECIDED BY PRACTICE OR TRAINING... BUT THROUGH THE STOMACH!!!

THE TOP-RANKERS ARE ALL PEOPLE WHO EAT CRAZY AMOUNTS OF FOOD!

IT'S FOOD!!

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COM-PLETE DENIAL!!

Well, no... guess I shoulda expected that!!

YOU GET BETTER BY BUSTING YOUR ASS DOING REALLY HARD TRAINING.

YOU DON'T GET BETTER BY EATING.

Huh!?

WHAT THE HELL NONSENSE ARE YOU SHOUTING OVER THERE, KID?

I DO NOT EAT THAT MUCH!

Well, there's no way.

You dumb or what?

Or are you an idiot?

Are you just tactless?

You stupid?

I'VE SEEN THE LIGHT.

YOU CAN DRIVE ILLNESSES AWAY THROUGH EATING!!

FOOD IS THE BODY'S FOUN-DATION.

Pat

MIYA-MOTO-SAN...

nod

You were here too...?

gasp

DIDN'T YOU GET ROUGHED UP BY AN ILLNESS PRETTY BAD A WHILE BACK, SAYING SOMETHING JUST LIKE THAT!?

YOU WEREN'T SO FAR OFF, KIBI-SAN.

IT'S ALL RIGHT.

...I DON'T REALLY GET THIS AT ALL ANYMORE, BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

AND YOUR BONES WILL GROW THICK AND STRONG!

shine

EAT PLENTY OF FOOD,

Thank Good-ness... It's just like always

CLENCH

Unbreak-able spirit, unbreak-able bones!!

WHEW...

MAYBE MY BRAIN TISSUE JUST ISN'T SUITED FOR THINKING AFTER ALL...

WHAT ON EARTH AM I DOING...

JUST RUNNING ROUND IN CIRCLES...

Momoka-san...

Hah

THUD

I WORE MYSELF OUT FOR NOTHING...

IN THE END I NEVER LEARNED A THING...

I know you were just trying to re-evaluate yourself by looking at what everyone else does.

That's not true at all...

MM...

That's right.

BE COUNTING ON YOU, THEN.

I'll lend you my brain as well...!

If it's something that has to be resolved through thinking,

JUST CALL OUT TO HER AS SOON AS SHE COMES IN THE CAFETERIA!

IF you're worried about her

Oh no, it's no trouble at all.

Sorry for draggin' you all round like that.

Well, not that it matters.

Hoo...

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I NEVER FIGURED OUT WHEN WE WERE SUPPOSED TO SHOW UP...

MUDOU-SAN!

AND...

MOMO-SUKE AND FRIEND. GREAT TIMING.

AH,

OOHWO-WOWOW!

TOO ROUGH! AYANA, YOU'RE BEING TOO ROUGH!

SHADDUP! IF YOU'VE GOT COMPLAINTS, THEN WALK ON YOUR OWN!

WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPEN-ED TO HER?

KURO-GANE!?

KGUAH

I'LL LEAVE THIS ONE WITH YOU.

Mm?

YOU'LL HAVE TO CARRY HER UP TO THE ROOM.

THE DUMMY INSISTED ON GOING ON SPARRING, WITHOUT EVER STOPPING TO DRINK WATER...

SHE ENDED UP WITH CRAMPS ALL OVER HER ENTIRE BODY.

What an idiot...

YOU'VE BEEN AT IT EVER SINCE THE MOCK DUELS ENDED!?

YOU MEAN...

WHY ON EARTH...

HOO

I MEAN... ISN'T THAT NORMAL?

WHY? WELL...

YOU GET THAT SOMETIMES TOO, RIGHT? THAT TYPE OF THING.

WE HAD SOME OF THAT LEFT OVER.

FIGHTING SPIRIT... I GUESS YOU'D CALL IT?

ME AND KURO WERE BOTH IN KINDA HALF-ASS, UNFINISHED-FEELING SORTA FIGHTS.

Hold it together, Kuro-gane-san!

Ohh...

I can feel my consciousness slipping away

IT WAS PRETTY UNSATISFYING, SO WE HAD TO GO 'TIL WE WERE READY TO PUKE.

Well, see you around

HAHHHH...

SHIVER SHIVER SHIVER

HWEEEH

I MUST'VE LIVED MY WHOLE LIFE JUST FOR THIS MOMENT...

MAN, I'M SLEEPY...

WHAT A RE-FRESHING FEELING...

...

FIGHTING SPIRIT LEFT OVER...

My!

That's great to hear, Momoka-san!

I FEEL LIKE I JUST UNDERSTOOD A WHOLE LOT OF THINGS AT ONCE.

Ohhhh

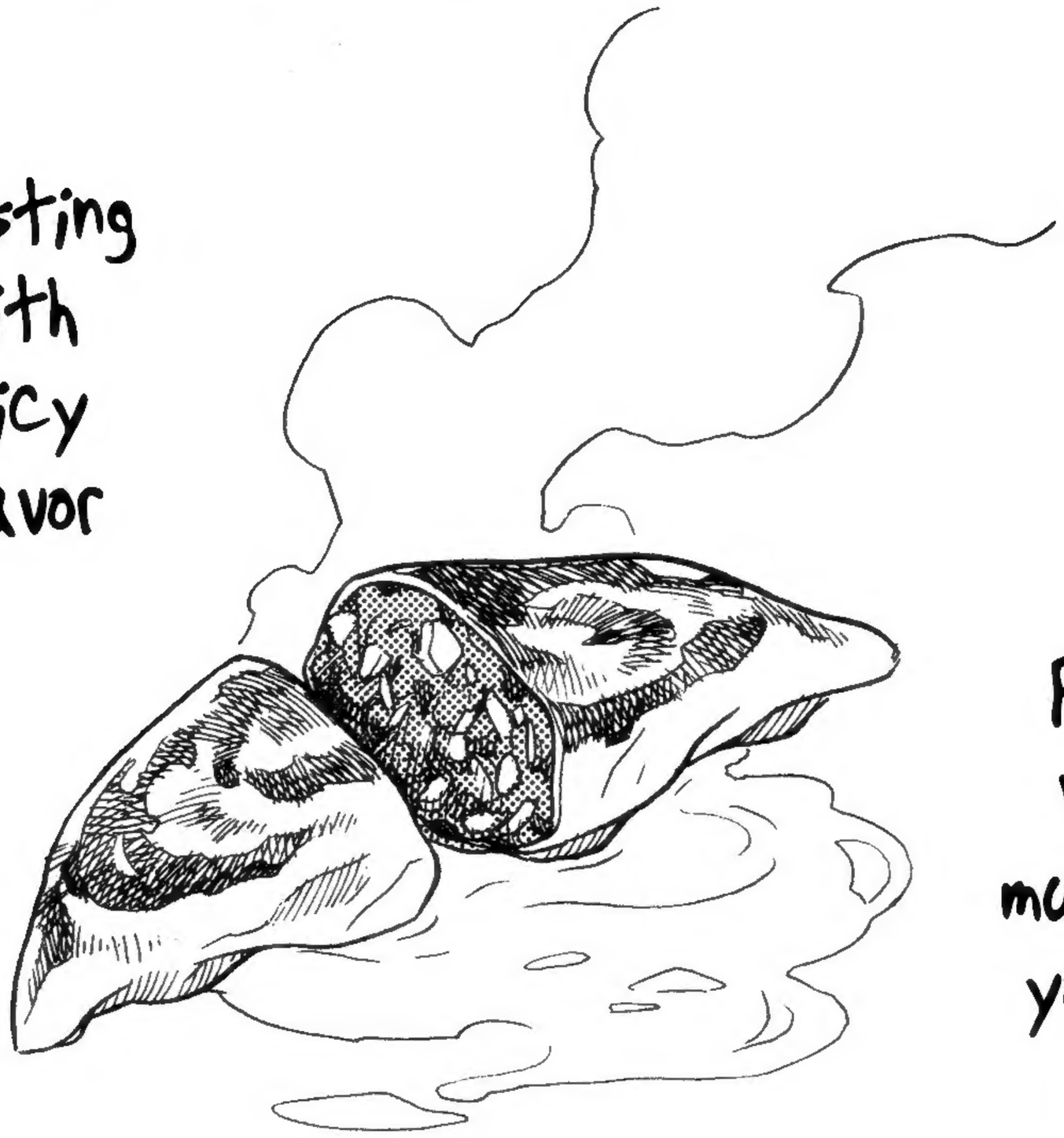
Yes?

...WANKO

WHAT IT IS WE HAVE TO DO NEXT.

I THINK I KNOW

◦ BOING-CHAN'S GYOZA ◦



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